

January 8, 2015

Keith County elected officials were sworn in at 8:00 a.m. in the courtroom. The Keith County Board of Commissioners then met for their reorganizational meeting at the Courthouse in Ogallala. Vice Chairman W.E. O'Connor asked those attending to join in a moment of silence in support of the leaders and troops serving our country, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call was answered by W.E. O'Connor, Vice Chairman, and Commissioners Lonnie Peters, Jeff Armour and Caleb Johnson. Commissioner C.W. Baltzell was absent. Also attending the meeting were County Clerk Sandra Olson, County Attorney Randy Fair and the media. Peters moved to approve the agenda, Armour seconded the motion. Johnson, Armour, Peters and O'Connor voting aye; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried. Armour moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Peters seconded the motion. Peters, Armour and O'Connor voting aye; Johnson abstain; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried. Peters moved to approve the payment of all claims with the exception of the Hartford claims upon review, Johnson seconded the motion. Armour, Johnson, Peters and O'Connor voting aye; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried. Armour moved to approve the payment of the Hartford claims, O'Connor seconded the motion. Peters, Armour and O'Connor voting aye; Johnson abstain; Baltzell absent; motion carried.

Salaries - \$121,706.15

General Fund

Allo, Service, \$3,281.60; AS Central Services -OCIO, Lease, \$448.00; Cash-Wa, Prisoner Board, provisions, supplies, \$670.90; Central NE Cremation & Mortuary, Autopsy, \$905.00; City of Ogallala, Service, \$281.75; Community Internet, Internet, \$84.00; Elizabeth Cook, Jail coverage, \$1,200.00; Culligan, Water, \$13.00; Dell Marketing, Toner, \$338.06; E-logic, Computer consultation, \$67.50; Farmers Coop, Fuel, \$128.35; Food Express, Jail commissary, Prisoner Board, \$233.28; Hehne's, Prisoner Board, \$594.16; Kristi Hilliard, Public Defender, \$5,416.66; Ideal Linen, Supplies, \$540.06; Joel Jay, Services, \$42.00; Keith County CBSA Health Insurance Fund, Health insurance premiums, \$62,913.33; Keith County News, Publishing, subscription, \$535.57; Gary Krajewski, Services, \$3,011.25; Lincoln County Sheriff, Services, \$14.86; MCM Truck Repair, Towing, \$601.00; Midwest Radar & Equipment, Tuning fork, \$44.00; MIPS, Envelopes, \$148.21; Nebraska Printworks, Lamination, \$11.12; NPPD, Service, \$443.03; Office Service, Supplies, \$265.82; Ogallala True Value, Supplies, \$355.48; O'Keefe Elevator, Service call, \$344.00; Bonita Patch, Cleaning, \$100.00; Perkins County Sheriff, Services, \$18.50; Plumbing Plus, Repairs, \$175.00; Prairie Hills Funeral Home, Services, \$250.00; Prairie States Communications, Radio repair, \$190.00; Sapp Brothers Petroleum, Tank rent, \$69.00; Shopko, Supplies, \$75.63; The Hartford-Priority Accts, Life insurance premiums, \$249.60; Totalfunds By Hasler, Postage, \$2,000.00; U-Save Pharmacy, Inmate prescriptions, \$304.65; Waste Connections, Service, \$476.09;

Roads Fund

Allo, Service, \$134.58; ATC Communications, Service, \$67.58; Beaver Bearing, Parts, \$89.25; City of Ogallala, Service, \$33.00; Consolidated Telephone, Service, \$104.42; Eichners Sales & Service, Supplies, \$88.97; Farmers Coop, Fuel, \$2,203.59; Fraser Welding, Parts, labor, \$85.93; Humphreys Auto, Parts, supplies, oil, \$272.25; Ideal Linen, Coveralls, \$121.40; J&A Traffic Products, Sign posts, \$1,278.00; Keith County CBSA Health Insurance Fund, Health insurance premiums, \$14,845.36; Keith County News, Publishing, \$65.00; Kildare Lumber, Supplies, \$121.86; MD Products, Supplies, \$227.59; NPPD, Service, \$138.31; Nebraska Salt & Grain, Ice melt, \$2,356.00; Ogallala True Value, Supplies, \$14.77; Paxton Pit Stop, Tire repair, \$16.50; Powerplan, Parts, \$20.66; Quality Farm & Ranch, Supplies, \$23.98; R&D Welding, Supplies, \$316.00; Sapp Brothers Petroleum, Fuel, oil, \$4,057.55; Shell, Fuel, \$493.58; T&C Service Center, Repairs, \$138.00; TO Haas Tire, Tires, repairs, \$1,072.80; The Hartford-Priority Accts, Life insurance premiums, \$62.40; Village of Brule, Service, \$71.00; Waste Connections, Service, \$217.36; WEX Bank, Fuel, \$437.93; Wiest Hardware, Supplies, tools, \$283.64; 21st Century Equipment, Parts, labor, \$449.21

CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund

KC CBSA/Health Insurance Fund, Health claims, \$13,756.21; KC Clerk/Flex Claims Account, Flex claims, \$372.00; Meritain Health, Administration fees, \$22,941.10

Emergency 911 Fund

Allo, Service, \$500.00; ATC Communications, Service, \$40.00; Community Internet, Service, \$87.00; Consolidated, Service, \$36.00; Glenwood, Service, tower lease, \$446.02

Travis Haggard with KCAD presented retiring Commissioner Doug Teaford with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service.

The Board heard reports from Head Jailer Travis Poncik, Deputy Sheriff Jim Jimenez, Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan, Zoning Administrator Jack Quinlivan and Budget Consultant Pete Peterson.

Armour moved to nominate Lonnie Peters as Chairman of the Board for the year of 2015, Johnson seconded the motion. Armour moved that nominations cease, Johnson seconded the motion. O'Connor, Johnson and Armour voting aye; Peters willing to serve; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried. O'Connor moved to nominate Jeff Armour for Vice Chairman, Johnson seconded the motion. O'Connor moved to cease nominations, Johnson seconded the motion. Johnson, O'Connor and Peters voting aye; Armour willing to serve; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried.

Armour moved to allow the IRS rate of mileage to be paid by the County at \$.575 effective January 1, 2015 subject to IRS guidelines, Johnson seconded the motion. O'Connor, Johnson, Armour and Peters voting aye; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried. Armour moved to set the mileage rate for County Sheriffs serving papers to be \$.605 effective January 1, 2015 subject to IRS guidelines, Johnson seconded the motion. O'Connor, Johnson, Armour and Peters voting aye; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried.

Armour moved to continue the policy and allow a maximum of \$2,250.00 for cremation only for county burials, Johnson seconded the motion. Armour and Peters voting aye; O'Connor and Johnson voting nay; Baltzell absent; motion dies in a tie vote. County burials will be placed on next week's agenda in order to obtain a full board vote.

Armour moved to adopt the following holiday schedule for County employees, O'Connor seconded the motion. Johnson, O'Connor, Armour and Peters voting aye; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried. Columbus Day, October 12, 2015 will be observed; however the Courthouse will remain open for business. The Courthouse will be closed for the following holidays:

January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 16	President's Day
April 3	Good Friday (Close at noon)
May 25	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day (Closed July 3)
September 7	Labor Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 26	Thanksgiving (Close at noon on Nov. 25) Remain closed on Nov. 26 & 27
December 25	Christmas Day (Closed Dec. 24 & 25)
January 1	New Year's Day (Closed Jan. 1)

Armour moved to designate the Keith County News as the official newspaper for the County and the County website as an additional method of posting meeting notices, O'Connor seconded the motion. Johnson, O'Connor, Armour and Peters voting aye; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried.

O'Connor moved to retain the following as depositories for County funds: Adams Bank & Trust, Bank of Keystone, Valley Bank & Trust, Pony Express Community Bank, Pinnacle Bank and NPAIT, Armour seconded the motion. Johnson, Armour, O'Connor and Peters voting aye; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried.

Armour moved to approve the Board representatives as follows, Johnson seconded the motion. O'Connor, Johnson, Armour and Peters voting aye; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried.

Representative to Area on Aging.....	W.E. O'Connor
Alternate Member.....	C.W. Baltzell
Chairman Welfare Board.....	C.W. Baltzell
Alternate Member.....	Jeff Armour
Region II Human Services.....	W.E. O'Connor
Alternate Member.....	C.W. Baltzell
Representative to WCNDD Board.....	W.E. O'Connor
Alternate Member.....	C.W. Baltzell
Multi-County Health Board.....	Lonnie Peters
Alternate Member.....	C.W. Baltzell
Senior Center Board	
Ogallala and Lemoyne.	C.W. Baltzell
Alternate Member.....	W.E. O'Connor
EOC Administrative Board.....	Caleb Johnson
Alternate Member.....	C.W. Baltzell
County Extension Board Liaison.....	Caleb Johnson
499 & 726 Visitors Board.....	Caleb Johnson
Alternate Member.....	Lonnie Peters
KCAD Board.....	Jeff Armour
Alternate Member.....	Caleb Johnson
Chamber of Commerce Board.....	Jeff Armour
Alternate Member.....	W.E. O'Connor
RC&D Board.....	Lonnie Peters
Alternate Member.....	W.E. O'Connor
West Central Weed Management Area.....	W.E. O'Connor
Alternate Member.....	Tim Ryan

Armour moved to approve the County Committee assignments with the Chairman of these committees as follows, O'Connor seconded the motion. Johnson, O'Connor, Armour and Peters voting aye; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried.

Physical Plants/Office Space.....	Lonnie Peters
Safety Committee.....	Randy Fair
Road Department.....	C.W. Baltzell
Zoning & Planning.....	Caleb Johnson
Info/Technology.....	Jeff Armour
Budget.....	All Commissioners
Salaries, Benefits.....	Representative from each office
Board HIPPA Designee.....	Lonnie Peters
Courthouse Security.....	Jeff Armour
Emergency Planning & Training.....	W.E. O'Connor

O'Connor moved to appoint Tim Ryan as Keith County Highway Superintendent, Armour seconded the motion. Johnson, Armour, O'Connor and Peters voting aye; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried.

Armour moved to approve adding Chairman Lonnie Peters to the Pinnacle Bank signature card for the Clerk's vendor account only, Johnson seconded the motion. O'Connor, Johnson, Armour and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Doug Teaford will be removed from the signature cards of the Clerk's vendor account and the Clerk's account.

Board reports were given and correspondence received. The Board received December fee reports from the Clerk's office, the Clerk of the District Court and the Sheriff's office.

No action was taken on the agenda item of the Ogallala/Keith County Chamber of Commerce Visitors Committee public records request. This item will remain on the agenda under unfinished business until the Attorney General's opinion is received.

On the Sandhills District Health Department bad debt agenda item no action was taken. Keith County resident Tom Kalkowski spoke to the Board regarding the claim paid for the share of the debt. The bad debt for the Sandhills District Health Department will remain on the agenda under unfinished business.

On the agenda item of the service agreement from Charter Communications for the Extension office no action was taken. This item will remain on the agenda under unfinished business.

O'Connor moved to authorize Chairman O'Connor signing the Public Defender contract in the amount of \$60,000.00 annually, Armour seconded the motion. Johnson, Armour, O'Connor and Peters voting aye; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried. This contract will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2015-1.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Ogallala.

Chairman
Lonnie Peters

County Clerk
Sandra Olson

Agenda: Kept current in the office of the County Clerk. *Time of specific agenda items will run continuously thru the meeting and may occur earlier or later than estimated.

Unfinished Business

Sandhills District Health Department – outstanding debt.

Ogallala/Keith County Chamber of Commerce Visitors Committee public records request – Attorney General.

Charter Communications service order for Extension office.

New Business

County burials.

Resolution to transfer funds from General Fund to Roads Fund.

MIPS – Time and attendance timesheets software.

9:00 a.m. - Public hearing on the vacation of the portion of Flatfish Street that runs between lots 57 and 58 and ends at Minnow Way in MacKenzie's Subdivision.